



# Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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## **USE OF POWERHEADS TO TARGET COBIA IN FEDERAL WATERS OFF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES IS PROHIBITED**

NOAA Fisheries reminds all fishermen operating in Federal waters off the South Atlantic states (i.e., North Carolina through the Florida east coast) that the use of any unauthorized gear (including spearfishing and use of powerheads) in a directed fishery for cobia is prohibited. The only authorized gear that may be used in a directed fishery for cobia in Federal waters off the South Atlantic states are: rod and reel, handline, automatic reel, bandit gear, and pelagic longline.

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